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K. David Waddell
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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

In re: Petition of MCI WorldCom to Extend Effective Date of Flow
Through of Access Charge Reduction
Docket No. 00- 00620

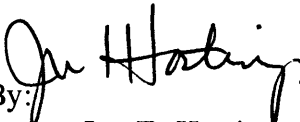
Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed please find the original plus thirteen (13) copies of the Petition of MCI WorldCom to Extend Effective Date of Flow Through of Access Charge Reduction which we would appreciate your filing. We have also enclosed our check in the amount of \$25.00.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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PETITION OF MCI WORLDCOM)
TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE DATE)
OF FLOW THROUGH OF ACCESS)
CHARGE REDUCTION)

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**PETITION OF MCI WORLDCOM TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE DATE
OF FLOW THROUGH OF ACCESS CHARGE REDUCTION**

Comes now MCI Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a MCI WorldCom ("MCI") and petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to extend the effective date of the flow through of access charge reductions. In support of this Petition, MCI states as follows:

MCI operates as a facilities-based interexchange carrier in Tennessee under the jurisdiction of the TRA.

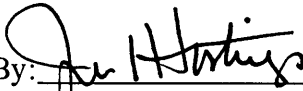
Pursuant to a private Compromise and Settlement Agreement among MCI, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Sprint Communications Corporation ("Sprint"), BellSouth agreed to make certain reductions in switched access service rates. The final such reduction was made by BellSouth, effective on June 15, 2000. Pursuant to the rules and order of the TRA, MCI is required to flow through to ratepayers the access charge reductions within thirty (30) days of the effective date of said reduction. MCI, therefore, would be required to flow through these reductions by July 15, 2000. Because these reductions will be flowed through DDD services, and, due to the fact MCI can only flow through such reductions effective on the first (1st)

day of any month, MCI, therefore, requests that the effective date of the required flow through be extended from July 15, 2000 until August 1, 2000.

This fifteen (15) day delay does not affect the amount of dollars which would flow through to ratepayers if the long distance reductions became effective July 15, 2000, nor will it result in any windfall benefit to MCI.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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